



# Rangitikei District Council

## Taihape Community Board Meeting

Agenda – Wednesday 9 October 2019 – 5:30 p.m.

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The quorum for the Taihape Community Board is 3.

Council's Standing Orders (adopted 3 November 2016) 10.2 provide: The quorum for Council committees and sub-committees is as for Council, ie half the number of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even or a majority if the number of members is odd.

**1 Welcome**

**2 Public Forum**

**3 Apologies**

**4 Members' conflict of interest**

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest that they may have in respect of the items on this agenda.

**5 Confirmation of order of business**

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, ..... be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

**6 Minutes of previous meeting**

The Minutes from the meeting held on 7 August 2019 are attached.

File ref: 3-CB-1-2

**Recommendation:**

That the minutes of the Taihape Community Board meeting {as amended/ without amended} held on 7 August 2019, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

**7 Chair's report**

A report will be tabled at the meeting.

**Recommendation:**

That the Chair's report to the 9 October 2019 meeting of the Taihape Community Board, as presented be received.

**8 Council decisions on recommendations from the Taihape Community Board**

That the Taihape Community Board request that Council provide them with information regarding the malfunctioning sewer overflow pipe at Papakai and what attempts have been made to address it.

We have written to Horizons noting all the actions completed to date as well as the longer term actions that will follow. A report is attached.

## **9 Update from MoU partnering organisations**

Verbal updates from:

- Taihape Community Development Trust
- Mōkai-Pātea Services

## **10 Update on Place-Making Initiatives**

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

## **11 Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – October 2019**

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CB-1-2

### **Recommendations:**

That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – October 2019' to the 9 October 2019 Taihape Community Board be received.

## **12 Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report - September 2019**

A report is attached.

File ref: 1-CO-4-8

### **Recommendation:**

That the 'Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report - September 2019' to the 9 October 2019 Taihape Community Board be received.

## **13 Update on new amenities block on Taihape Memorial Park**

While Council set out its position on the initial stage of development on Memorial Park in the draft Long Term Plan consultation document, subsequent deliberations and discussions led to a request for a further report outlining various options and their costs. That was provided to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's meeting on 12 July 2018. Further information was requested for consideration at the Committee's August meeting, before which a public meeting (including the Park User Group) will be held to gain clearer insights into community views and preferences.

That meeting was held on 3 August 2018 and the outcome considered by the Assets/Infrastructure Committee at its meeting on 10 August 2018. The proposed new

amenities building project is on hold pending an estimate to renovate both the facilities under the Taihape grandstand as well as the grandstand itself. Colspec was engaged to undertake an initial scoping assessment; they provided a rough order cost of \$2.4 million for renovating/upgrading the grandstand.

A meeting with representatives of Clubs Taihape was arranged to clarify their proposed project on Memorial Park. The outcome was the suggestion of erecting co-located (and complementary) facilities at the end of the netball courts and leaving the grandstand as it is, apart from minor repairs. At its meeting on 30 November 2018, Council confirmed its intention to build a new amenities block at Memorial Park on the site beside the No. 3 field and incorporating a portion of the last tennis/netball court, and investigate the need for a new court in the vicinity of the ex-croquet green. Council representatives have since met with Clubs Taihape to agree a process for finalising the design for a project that would fulfil the facility requirements of both organisations.

A design brief has been prepared and a further meeting with Clubs Taihape has been held. The design brief is close to being finalised, and once that is done a targeted RFP/EOI process will be undertaken to engage an architect for the design process. The design brief indicates two potential build options:

1. A 2-storey building, with the amenity facilities at ground level and the Clubs Taihape/Community facilities on the upper level
2. Two single level buildings connected by a covered walkway (or similar).

Clubs Taihape has a preference for option1, and to undertake the project as a single build. That would mean Council is the owner of the building and it would require all of the funding to be secured prior to the build. There are pros and cons with both design options. Ultimately, Council will need to decide which option it supports have regard to the design process outcomes and feedback from groups likely to use the facilities.

Three expressions of interest were received for the design. Copeland Associates Architects have been appointed to undertake the design work.

Barry Copeland (Copeland Associates Architects) has met with Council and Clubs Taihape representatives. His view was that one two-storey building was the better option; more economical, better solar orientation, view would be restrained from the former croquet site, etc.

A budget provision of \$1.2 million for the amenities facility is included in the draft 2019/20 Annual Plan (with \$200,000 to be raised externally). Clubs Taihape has \$500,000 to commit to the project.

Mr Copeland has suggested a ground floor of approximately 25m x 12m, overhung at one end for a control room and tuck shop. He has suggested construction costings of \$1.1m for a 300m<sup>2</sup> amenities block, \$1.1m for a 350m<sup>2</sup> community facility, plus another \$300K for foundation. He presented a concept design for spaces and how they could all gel together, together with cost estimates from BQH Quantity Surveyors at a meeting with representative from Council and Clubs Taihape on 7 June 2019. Council considered these at its meeting on 27 June 2019, opted for a fully completed two-storey building, at an estimated cost of \$2.935 million, and requested the Chief Executive to negotiate (by 20 August 2019) a Memorandum of Understanding with Clubs Taihape on progressing the development of that facility. Meetings were held with Clubs Taihape on 22 July 2019 and 19 August 2019 to progress the

Memorandum of Understanding with the Council for funding and managing the facility. The agreed text *was* tabled at the meeting for ratification.

A further development on the Park has occurred. At its meeting on 13 December 2018, Council agreed to the transfer of the Taihape Bowling Club's building (as the club was winding up) and at its 28 February 2019 meeting agreed to offer current users of the Taihape Women's Club in Tui Street the use of the Bowling Club building and that Council staff would manage the bookings for the facility. Since April 2019 there have been meetings with staff and elected members to determine the work to be done in the Bowling Club building.

At a meeting with the Mayor, Councillor Rainey and the Community & Leisure Services Team Leader, the majority of users requested that the bar area at 2 Kokako Street (former Bowling Club) be turned into a kitchen. However, the estimated cost for this is \$25,000. The Women's Club does not wish to underwrite this cost, so an internal access will be created into the present kitchen area and use the bar area for storage.

## 14 Future of Buildings at 22 Tui Street, Taihape

The future options and opportunities, including funding, for Council's continued management of community housing has been informed by the Government's policy position on community housing. At its meeting on 14 June 2018, the Policy/Planning Committee considered the question of moving to market rentals and its recommendations were approved at Council's meeting on 28 June 2018. All tenants have been advised (in writing) of the change, to take effect from 1 November 2018, and meetings were arranged in Taihape, Marton and Bulls at which a Work & Income representative was invited to attend (and did so). At its meeting on 13 December 2018, Council agreed to engage with Solarcity for the provision of solar power and access to the wholesale energy market for the tenants at Wellington Road and Cobber Kain Avenue community housing complexes. However, the contract arrangements could not be finalised.

The proposed upgrade programme was presented to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's meeting in August. At its August meeting, the Policy/Planning Committee adopted a slightly amended community housing policy.

Consideration is currently being given to options/opportunities for the further development/enhancement of Council's community housing portfolio. Staff attended a Local Government New Zealand workshop on 24 October 2018 which considered policy options to propose to central government to enable councils to both maintain their current investment in social housing and expand that investment should they choose to do so. Council's decision to terminate the lease of the Queen Carnival Building at 22 Tui Street opens up this site to alternative use once that building and the Conference Hall are removed. *The presence of asbestos means that relocation of the Queen Carnival Building is not feasible. Quotes are being sourced for demolition of both buildings and clearing the site.*

## 15 Treaty of Waitangi commemoration 2020

A letter from the Prime Minister is attached.

## **16 Feedback on Annual Residents Survey**

Earlier in 2019 Council undertook its Annual Residents Survey. Part of which the purpose is it set councils improvements plan for the upcoming year. While the feedback gathered has provided council with useful graphs showing various levels of satisfaction, what has been less forthcoming is feedback on how council can improve those statistics. In order to help us better service the community we are asking the Board to offer specific improvement ideas for council to consider. The following aspects of the survey being the most relevant to Taihape.

### **Parks**

The response on various aspects of with Memorial Park Taihape, the percentage of dissatisfaction indicates room for improvement. What specific suggestions can you offer council to undertake to improve the Parks, Open spaces and Sports Fields of Taihape. Please specify areas by name or location.

### **Toilets**

While the majority of respondents were satisfied with various aspects of the Public Toilet facilities there was a level of dissatisfaction that indicates room for improvement. What specific suggestions could council consider to increase levels of satisfaction for Public Toilet in the Taihape?

### **Cemeteries**

What specific improvement can council make to improve the Cemetery in Taihape?

### **Town Halls**

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While the majority of respondents were satisfied with various aspects of the Marton Memorial Hall, there was a level of dissatisfaction that indicates room for improvement. What specific suggestion can you offer council to improve this facility?

### **Libraries**

What specific suggestions can you offer council to improve the level of satisfaction with the Taihape library?

### **Swimming Pools**

Although mostly satisfied with various aspects of the Marton Pool the survey result indicates that there is room for improvement. What specific suggestions can you offer council to improve the Marton Swimming pool and/or customer experience?

### **Wastewater**

What specific aspects of the wastewater service do you think council needs to focus on?

**Customer service**

While there was a high level of respondent's satisfied or very satisfied with councils customer service there was a still a reasonable portion that had a neutral response. What specific improvements could council make to increase customer service satisfaction?

**Elected members**

The survey produced a high response rate of neutral when asked the level of satisfaction with Elected members response timeframes and handling of the queries, why do think this might be?

**Communication and Publications**

The survey produced a high response rate of neutral for council communication and publications, what specific improvements could council make in this area?

**17 Requests for service – First Response, Taihape August 2019**

A report is attached.

File ref: 5-CS-1-9

**Recommendation:**

That the report 'Request for Service - First Response, Taihape August 2019' to the 9 October 2019 Taihape Community Board be received.

**18 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda – project update**

A commentary will be tabled at the meeting.

**Recommendation:**

That the commentary 'Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda – project update' to the 9 October 2019 Taihape Community Board be received.

**19 Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the Taihape Ward.**

An extract is attached.

File ref: 3-CB-1-2

**Recommendation:**

That the extract 'Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the Taihape Ward' dated August 2019 to the 9 October 2019 Taihape Community Board be received.

## **20 Late items**

As agreed at item 5.

## **21 Future items for the agenda**

## **22 Next meeting**

This is the final meeting of the 2016/19 triennium.

## **23 Meeting closed**